GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST SPOTS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent any proposal for development of several tourist places in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the said proposal; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) : Development and promotion of places of tourist interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations including the State of Maharashtra for Product/Infrastructure development of tourist destinations /circuits.The project proposals which are, complete in all respects, are appraised on the basis of inter-se-priority and funds are released, subject to availability under the respective head.

During the 10th Five Year Plan, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects worth Rs.8267.75 lakh for development of tourism in the State of Maharashtra.
In 2007-08, the following projects, which were complete as per guidelines, have been sanctioned to the State of Maharashtra:

Sr.No.	Name of the project	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Development of Art & Craft village at Mumbai	386.62
2.	Destination development of Mandhardev, Tal-wai, District Satara	498.40
3.	Integrated development of Bhandardara Tourist Circuit, Ahmednagar	374.22
4.	Setting up of the Institute of Hotel Management at Solapur	1000.00
5.	Chikhaldhara festival	5.00
6.	Kalidas festival	5.00
7	Ellora Festival	10.00